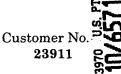


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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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Enclosed are:

- -1. Specification, including 16 claims (pages 35).
- 2. 10 Sheets of X Formal _ Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-12.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed).
- 4. Application Data Sheet
- 5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi Ltd.
- 6. Certified copy of Priority Document <u>2002-266482</u> filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>September 12</u>, <u>2002</u>, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 7. Information Disclosure Statement w/3 references.
- 8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Two checks in the amount of \$750.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056208.52762US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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